

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An interlabial pad, comprising:

a main sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and

a water permeable backing sheet facing an opposite side of the body side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other sandwich enclosing a first absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the main sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being bonded to each of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, respectively, at each of the opposite ends; and

a substantially planar shaped sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet ~~positioned at~~ facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing a garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other sandwich enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

~~wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are substantially the same width when bonded,~~

wherein the surface sheet and the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the surface sheet being bonded to each of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, respectively, at each of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal direction of the surface sheet so that a substantial center area of the surface sheet in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side, ~~[[and]]~~

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part, and

wherein the main sheet body and the ~~[[sub sheet]]~~ sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being ~~[[are]]~~ bonded ~~[[at]]~~ to each of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, respectively, at each of the opposite ends, edge in the longitudinal direction, and an inside of the elongated convex area is not bonded the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not bonded to each other, other than at the each of the longitudinal side edges.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising a mini sheet piece fixed on the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body, which faces the ~~[[facing]]~~ a garment side, the mini sheet piece forming a finger insertion opening between the ~~back-side~~ backing sheet and the mini sheet piece,

wherein the mini-sheet piece has longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the mini sheet piece being bonded to each of the longitudinal side edges of the backing sheet, respectively, at each of the opposite ends.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the ~~[[long]]~~ elongated convex area includes a bent portion formed by bending the main sheet body.

Claim 7 (withdrawn-currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad according to claim 1, ~~[[:]]~~

wherein the triangular shape of the elongated convex area of the main sheet body has a top and a bottom, the top being a vertex of the triangular shape and positioned closer to the body side,

wherein a longitudinal is formed with a shorter length at the top of the convex area is shorter than a longitudinal length at the bottom, ~~of the convex area in the longitudinal direction;~~ and

wherein both of the two ends of the elongated convex area have openings each of which has edges with a slope angle, in relation to a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the surface sheet, from the bottom to the top of the triangular shape of the elongated convex area of the ~~convex area are formed having both faces of the convex sloped from the top to the bottom.~~

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein a lateral cross sectional area of the elongated convex area ~~in the lateral direction~~ is at least 1 cm².

Claim 10 (currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad as claimed in claim 1, ~~[[;]]~~

wherein a lateral cross sectional area of the elongated convex area continuously decreases as the area is taken from one end to the other end along the longitudinal direction.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the interlabial pad is used together with a sanitary napkin.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad according to claim 1, ~~[[;]]~~

wherein the interlabial pad comprises an incontinent-interlabial pad for incontinence.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The ~~[[An]]~~ interlabial pad according to claim 1, ~~[[;]]~~

wherein the interlabial pad comprises a vaginal-discharge interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A ~~[[An]]~~ wrapping body comprising:

a wrapping container containing ~~[[the]]~~ an interlabial pad,

the interlabial pad comprising: ~~of claim 1;~~

a main sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing a body side; and

a water permeable backing sheet facing an opposite side of the body side, the

surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other enclosing a first

absorber for absorbing body fluid; and

a sub-sheet body comprising:

a water permeable surface sheet facing the body side; and

either a water permeable or non-permeable backing sheet facing a garment side, the surface sheet and the backing sheet being bonded to each other enclosing a second absorber for absorbing body fluid,

wherein the main sheet body comprises an elongated convex area formed along a longitudinal direction of the surface sheet so that a substantial center area of the surface sheet in a lateral direction is formed convex towards the body side,

wherein the elongated convex area has a hollow part with a substantially triangular shape in a lateral cross section, and two ends in the longitudinal direction, at least one of the two ends forming a finger insertion opening through which a finger is insertable into the hollow part,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body each have longitudinal side edges at opposite ends in the lateral direction, each of the longitudinal side edges of the main sheet body being bonded to each of the longitudinal side edges of the sub-sheet body, respectively, at each of the opposite ends,

wherein the main sheet body and the sub-sheet body are not bonded to each other, other than at the each of the longitudinal side edges, and

wherein the interlabial pad is contained in the wrapping container for individual wrapping.

Claims 15-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (New): The interlabial pad according to claim 5, wherein a total circumference of the finger insertion opening formed with the backing sheet of the sub-sheet body and a surface of the mini sheet piece is 40 mm to 80 mm.